

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 2, 6-9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are "objected to".

Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 are currently pending.

II. OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner asserts that "the elastic member connecting the contact block and the lead pusher (claim 11) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claims."

However, the elastic member (80) connecting the contact block (42) and the lead pusher (44) is described in, for example, FIG. 5C, and page 8, paragraphs [0045]-[0048] of the specification of the present application.

Therefore, the specification refers to the operation of the elements shown in the figures. It is respectfully submitted that such reference to the operation of the elements shown in the figures is sufficient to meet the requirements of the PTO with respect to the disclosure in the drawings.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

III. OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner notes that claims 11-13 are objected to because there is insufficient antecedent basis for "the contact block". Therefore, claims 11 and 12 are amended to correct this matter. Since, claim 13 depends directly from claim 11, amending claim 11 is sufficient to correct the issue of lack of antecedent basis in claim 13.

With respect to claim 12, the Examiner asserts that "a second elastic member" lacks antecedent basis. Therefore, claim 12 is amended to correct this matter.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 3, 4, 10, 12 AND 15 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY LEE ET AL. (U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUB. 2005/0012498)

Claim 1 specifically recites "a contact module **combined** with the match plate".

(Emphasis added). Lee fails to disclose, teach or suggest such a feature.

Instead, Lee discloses how a match plate 357 is **contacted** with an upper part of the contact block 355. See, for example, FIG. 9, and the disclosure in paragraph [0076] of Lee. That is, in Lee, the lead pusher assembly 350 and the driving unit 390 include a pusher 351 pressing a lead 361 of the devices 360 that are safely mounted on the pocket 337, a pressure plate 353 that contacts an upper part of the pusher 351, a contact block 355 installed on the pressure plate 353 and **a match plate 357 contacted with an upper part of the contact block 355**, and a first resilient member 358 installed between the match plate 357 and the pressure plate 353. See, for example, FIG. 9, and the disclosure in paragraph [0076] of Lee.

It is respectfully submitted that the emphasis in Lee to contact a match plate 357 with an upper part of the contact block 355 fails to focus on Applicant's claimed invention as specifically recited in, for example, claim 1, which requires a contact module **combined** with the match plate. Further understanding and appreciation for Applicant's claimed invention would be found in, for example, page 5, paragraph [0025]-[0027] of the specification of the present application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome with respect to claim 1.

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of claims 3, 4, 10, 12 and 15 over the cited references.

V. REJECTION OF CLAIM 5 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER LEE ET AL. (U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUB. 2005/0012498) IN VIEW OF HIROTSURU (U.S. PATENT 6,447,894)

The above comments for distinguishing over Lee also apply here, where appropriate.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

VI. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

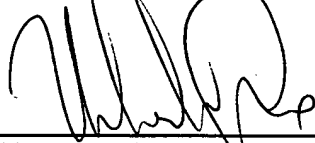
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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